

Assembly Bill No. 2259

CHAPTER 383

An act to amend Section 52052.3 of the Education Code, relating to school accountability.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2259, Medina. School accountability: dropout recovery high schools.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with approval of the State Board of Education, to develop an Academic Performance Index (API), as part of the Public School Performance Accountability Program, to measure the performance of schools and school districts, especially the academic performance of pupils. The API consists of a variety of indicators including specified achievement test scores, attendance rates, and graduation rates. Existing law requires the Superintendent, with approval of the state board, to develop an alternative accountability system for specified types of schools, including, among others, community day schools and continuation schools. Existing law allows these schools to receive an API score, but prohibits them from being included in the API rankings of schools.

Existing law, until January 1, 2017, requires the Superintendent and the state board, as part of the alternative accountability system for schools, or any successor system, to allow no more than 10 dropout recovery high schools, as defined, to report the results of an individual pupil growth model that is proposed by the school and certified by the Superintendent pursuant to specified criteria instead of reporting other indicators.

This bill would extend the repeal date of that provision to January 1, 2020, and would update cross-references.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 52052.3 of the Education Code is amended to read:

52052.3. (a) As part of the alternative accountability system for schools developed pursuant to subdivision (g) of Section 52052, or any successor system, the Superintendent and the state board shall allow no more than 10 dropout recovery high schools, as defined in subdivision (b), to report, in lieu of other indicators, the results of an individual pupil growth model that is proposed by the school and certified by the Superintendent pursuant to subdivision (c).

(b) For purposes of this section, “dropout recovery high school” means a school offering instruction in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in which 50 percent or more of its pupils are either designated as dropouts pursuant to the exit and withdrawal codes developed by the department or left a school and were not otherwise enrolled in a school for a period of at least 180 days and the school provides instruction in partnership with any of the following:

(1) The federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128).

(2) Federally affiliated Youthbuild programs (29 U.S.C. 3226 et seq.).

(3) Federal job corps training or instruction provided pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the federal provider.

(4) The California Conservation Corps or local conservation corps certified by the California Conservation Corps pursuant to Section 14406 or 14507.5 of the Public Resources Code.

(c) A dropout recovery high school shall submit to the Superintendent a certification that the high school meets the criteria specified in subdivision (b) and provide a summary of data derived from the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 60900) of Part 33 to support that designation. A dropout recovery high school shall also submit a proposed individual pupil growth model, and the Superintendent shall review and certify that model if it meets all of the following criteria:

(1) The model measures learning based on valid and reliable nationally normed or criterion-referenced reading and mathematics tests.

(2) The model measures skills and knowledge aligned with state standards.

(3) The model measures the extent to which a pupil scored above an expected amount of growth based on the individual pupil’s initial achievement score.

(4) The model demonstrates the extent to which a school is able to accelerate learning on an annual basis.

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2020, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2020, deletes or extends that date.